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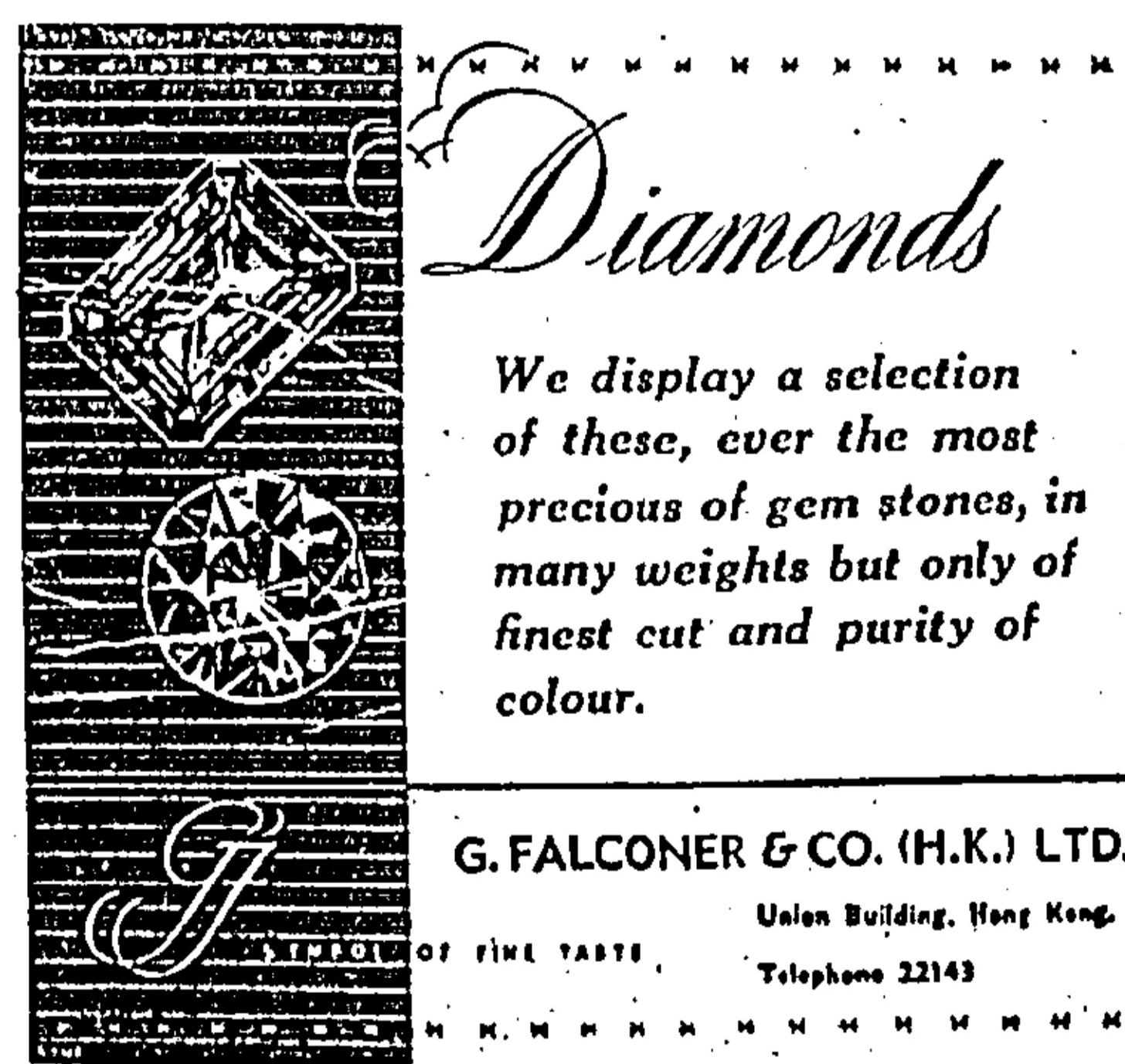
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STRAW, STRING, MAKE THE 'KITCHEN TEXTILE' HATS



WHILE Paris Fashion evokes the "new" châtelaine bodice, the evening gown of sacking, the circular scarf and beach spots, America with less effort whips up glamour from kitchen materials.

Contrast of textures in the hat (left)—fashioned of real string—is achieved by binding the crown with a fringed ivory-satin scarf... Centre, four silk butterflies give the same contrast to this jaunty shantung straw roller-style is reminiscent of Pennsylvania Dutch... And contrast to the hat, right—layer upon layer of straw threads—is effected by raffia trimming and "bustle" emphasis of the coloured silk rose.

Bat-Wing Cuffs, Shorter Skirt



The new shorter, mid-calf length skirt, is a feature of this two-piece Ian Meredith cocktail suit in woven tie-alk silvered with a minute spot design. The jacket is waisted with rounded stiffened basque; bat-wing cuffs.

IRISH NYLONS

A nylon hosiery that will turn out 6,000 dozen pairs of women's stockings per week is nearing completion near Belfast—A.P.

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PLEASE - YOURSELF' CLOTHES IN
THE LONDON FASHION SHOWS

Tube look again —only more so

By PATRICIA LENNARD

OUTSTANDING feature of the London dress shows is that the styles are please-yourself. They are British styled clothes. They owe nothing to Paris; they have cast off the New Look, wiped out the Empire Look.

General conclusions to be drawn from the shows seen so far are these:

This year's spring suit will be tailored classic that English women always prefer.

Designer Peter Russell, wearing a pearl grey suit, red spotted white bow tie, and red and white "navy" handkerchief in his breast pocket, presented his show.

It will have straight skirt, mid-calf length with a panel of pleats at the back, slightly longer jacket fitting but not nipping the waist, slight padding in the shoulders, and not an atom of nonsense about it.

It is a collection of typically quiet British classic clothes.

Suits have shorter skirts, 13 to 14 inches from the ground, with back panels of unpressed pleats in these as well as day frocks.

He presented, not only suits alone, but complete outfit-dresses with their own jackets, plain-coloured suits with checkered short top-coats in check colours of the same shade.

Right through the collection there were yellows—from primrose to mustard, mixed with brown, grey and black tweeds.

First choice for the spring print dress is the frock with a plain bodice and full skirt pleated all round into a straight skirt that swings as you walk.

Designer Charles Creed is showing slim tailored dresses in blue, beige woolens made to measure at half the startling price of couturier dresses. But for these you get only one fitting.

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Designers insist that your spring coat must fit you. The full flowing tent coats have gone the way of all the other looks.

Every show so far has emphasised the princess line coat-fitted bodice to a small waist and then a gently flaring skirt to mid-calf, in black or navy or in a militant bright yellow.

Only variation on this is the fitted coat with caped shoulders or bell sleeves so wide that they give the swing of a cape to the whole coat.

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These are two silhouettes for evening wear. One is the flowing picture dress with a trailing around-length full skirt and the draped off-the-shoulder neckline low in front, high and shoulder framing at the back. A flower spray is always worn in the neckline or at the waist.

The other silhouette is more sophisticated, a slim figure-hugging: hobbling the knees before flaring out to the ground in a fan of self or contrast material.

Satin or grosgrain is used for these dresses, with intricate cut-and-about necklines like a flower calyx. Colours are mainly bronze or cocoa shades, or black.

A COMMON BABY DISORDER

By H. N. BUNDESEN, MD

CONSTIPATION in babies is, as a rule, more troublesome to the mother than to the young child if parents are given to worrying about constipation in their baby. It is a good thing to know that, in infants, so long as the baby is not sick, is contented, and there is no noted swelling of the abdomen, nothing need be done about infrequent bowel action. The use of suppositories and enemas should be avoided unless recommended by the doctor for some special condition.

In babies who are not breast-fed (and all babies are better off if they are breast-fed), constipation may develop because the baby is receiving too much protein in the milk mixture and extra sugar may be required. The glying of prune pulp does not seem to aid in this condition.

In infants and young children, constipation, when neglected, may interfere with normal weight gain. The condition can be corrected by revising the diet, overcoming anemia, if it is present, and improving the strength of the muscles.

Improper Training

One of the most common causes of constipation is improper training. Too strenuous efforts to train the baby often lead to the development of an antagonistic or negative attitude on the part of the child. He refuses to have his bowel movements so that he can get attention from those around him. Of course, the more he is indulged, threatened, or punished, the worse the condition becomes. Parents must therefore learn not to be too greatly concerned about the irregularity of bowel habits that will correct themselves with proper diet.

In some older children, a lack of fluids may be one of the chief causes of hard movements. Giving larger amounts of fruits and fruit juices will very likely relieve the constipation.

Usually, in every mild case of constipation, correction can be brought about with simple treatment.

Ravishing



By GRACE THORCLIFFE

Taffeta and lace put together to make a stunning evening dress, a real gala gown. The strapless top is of rose tinted lace over chiffon and is beautifully embroidered in seed pearls. The draped taffeta skirt has a huge pouf and flared panel at the side back.

It certainly looks good. I'd like some right here and now."

Tomato Products

"With pleasure, Madame. You know all the tinned tomato products and fresh ones are very plentiful now in the market. And they are inside the budget. This morning when I went shopping I saw a fine display. There were all sizes of tins of the solid-pack tomato for use as a vegetable. Also all sizes of the more juicy tinned tomato to add to soups and ragouts. There were also large and small tins of tomato juice for breakfast or the cocktail, and little tins of tomato puree, very good to add to tomato flavour. There were also plenty of the fine hurry-up tinned tomato sauce ready to use. So as you see I bought a good assortment."

"How much do you allow for a serving, Chef?"

"For a family of four I would use a (No. 2½) tin of tomato. It contains 3½ cups, making almost a cup for each person."

"And that's enough to supply about 40% of the daily minimum requirement of Vitamin C and carotene, so essential to a balanced diet and good health. With a four-ounce glass of citrus juice or an orange in the morning, the necessary daily quantity of Vitamin C is supplied. This vitamin is not stored up in the body, so plenty of food supplying it must be taken regularly. It is essential to general well-being, and to building up resistance to infection."

Bacon Balls: Measure 2 c. boiling water into a good-sized double-boiler top. Bring to boiling point; stir in 1 c. barley and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and steam 45 min. Then stir in 1 tbsp. minced parsley, 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, and a few grains pepper. Shape into balls with a tablespoon or ice-cream scoop first dipped in hot water.

Professional Make-Up Advice



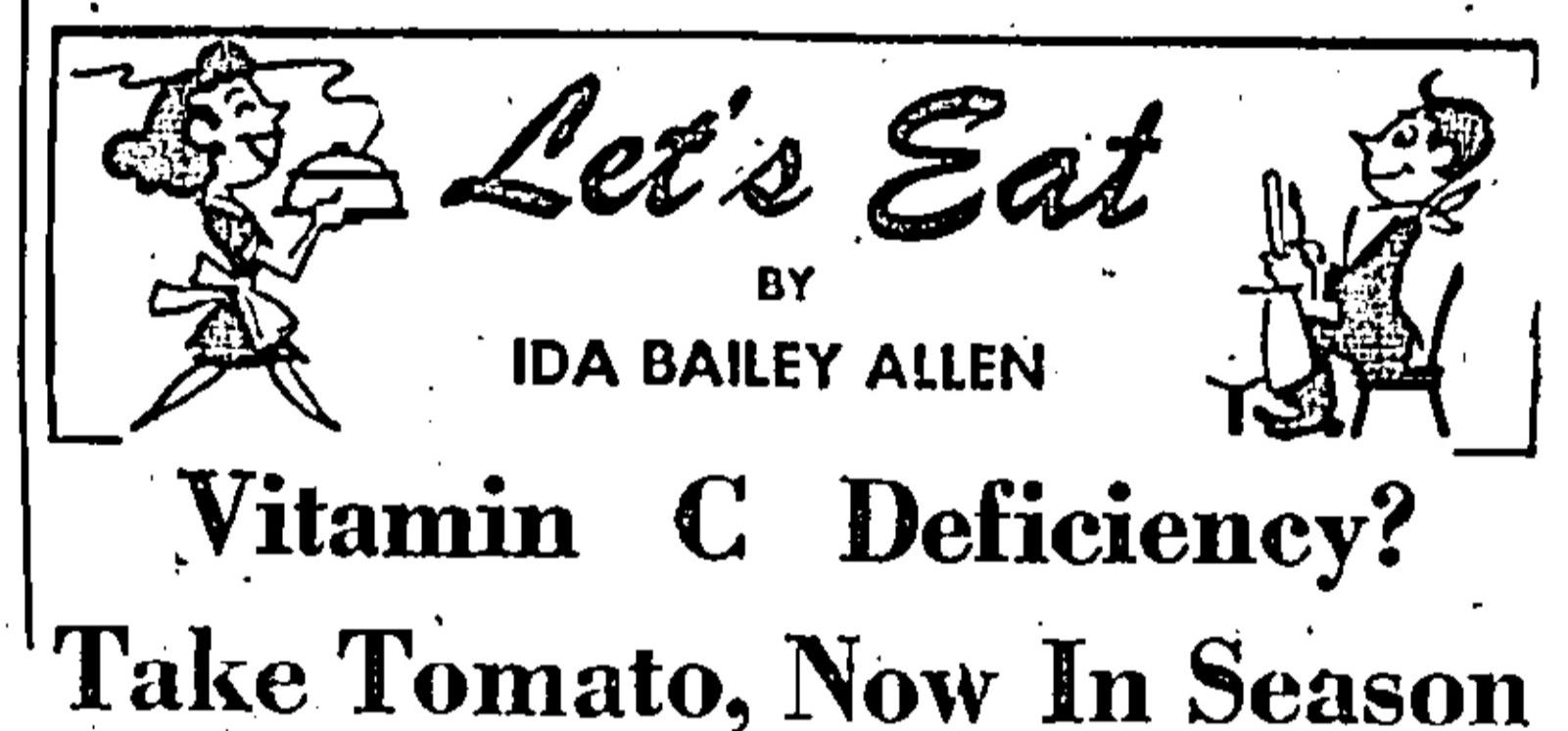
In beauty salons, the operator uses a tiny brush for lip make-up.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SOME beauty shops are specialising in make-up treatments. If you don't know precisely what shades of powder and rouge you should have, or how to apply them to best advantage, a trained operator will put you through a course of beauty sprouts. You'll have a brand new face smiling at you from the mirror.

Following the removal of all previous make-up and a thorough cleansing of the skin, the routine begins with a reshaping for the eyebrows. If this step is necessary, as often happens when the home plucker has been a bit hazy as to the pattern. A natural line is the chief aim now, quicks and zigzags having taken a back seat. Harsh, thin designs make the face look hard and brittle, are often out of harmony with the features.

The lesson includes the means of putting on eye shadows. Some specialists believe that, subtly used, shadows are as important to day time make-up as to evening effects. It is placed on the lids only, kept carefully away from the bony structure above. To carry the pigment too high is to give the eyes a hollow, sunken appearance. The colour selected should match as closely as possible the colour of the eye, though an exception is made for brunettes whose orbs are enhanced with faint blue shadows.



Vitamin C Deficiency? Take Tomato, Now In Season

THE Chef was seated at the test-kitchen table, eating with gusto from a steaming bowl, with occasional bites from the heel of a loaf of bread.

"What's that you're eating?" I asked, getting hungry myself as we often do when we others eat.

"Oh just some hot tinned tomatoes, which I spiced up. Very good with bread and cheese. Will you have some, Madame?"

"It certainly looks good. I'd like some right here and now."

Spiced Tomato in Bowls

Turn the contents of 1 (No. 2½) tin of juicy tomatoes into a sauce pan. Add ½ tsp. mixed pickle spice tied in a bit of cheesecloth, 1 tsp. sugar, ½ tsp. salt and ½ tbsp. butter or margarine. Simmer 5 min. Remove the spice. Serve boiling hot in small bowls in place of soup. Garnish with hot fried croutons.

Lamb and Cauliflower Scotch Style

Order 3 lbs. neck or fore-quarter of lamb. Remove as much fat as possible. Cut the meat into serving portions. Place in a deep heavy kettle with 3 medium-sized onions, peeled and sliced, 2 cleaned shredded leeks (optional), 1 tbsp. minced parsley, 2 tbsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper. Pour in 1½ qts. boiling water. Cover closely and simmer until almost tender about 2 hrs. Then thicken with 1 tbsp. flour stirred smooth in 2 tbsp. cold water.

Maintain wash and clean 1 medium-sized cauliflower and break into 8 large florets or sections. Place on top of the cooking lamb; dust with 1 tsp. salt, and continue to simmer 30 min. longer, or until the cauliflower is barely tender. To serve, place the lamb in the centre of a large heated platter and top with the cauliflower. Surround with large tablespoonfuls of cooked barley or make barley balls.

Barley Balls: Measure 2 c. boiling water into a good-sized double-boiler top. Bring to boiling point; stir in 1 c. barley and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and steam 45 min. Then stir in 1 tbsp. minced parsley, 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, and a few grains pepper. Shape into balls with a tablespoon or ice-cream scoop first dipped in hot water.

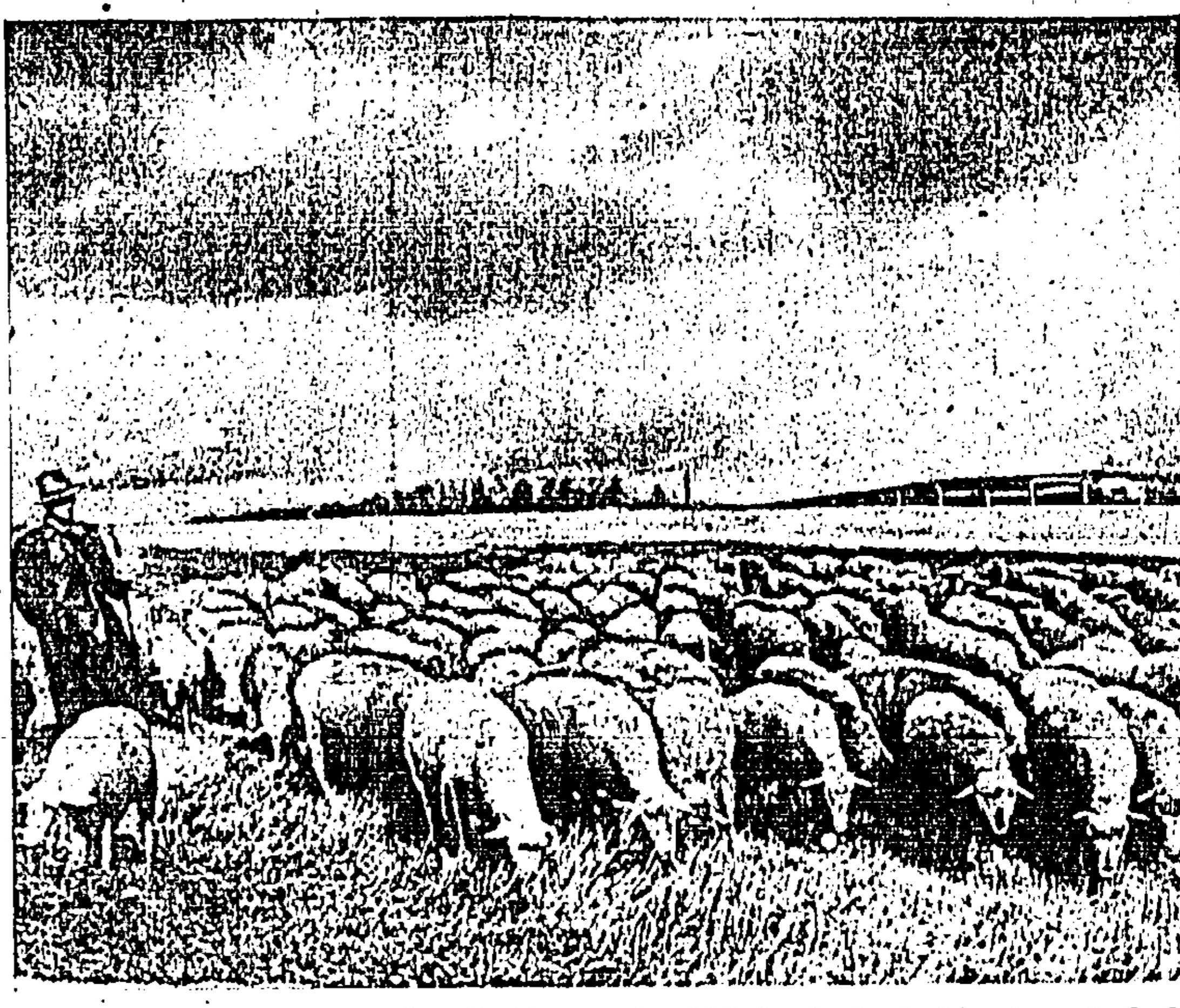
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TAKE YOUR PICK—An Israeli citizen scans a poster board in Tel-Aviv in an attempt to decide the relative merits of the 21 political parties in the recent elections. Special poster boards were erected all over Israel to give information of the parties' programmes.



AN INFORMAL CHAT—In the red robes symbolic of their membership of the College of Cardinals, Roman Catholic priests Clement Cardinal Micara of Rome, left, and Francis Cardinal Spellman chat after mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Cardinal Micara will attend the Eucharistic Congress in Cali, Colombia.



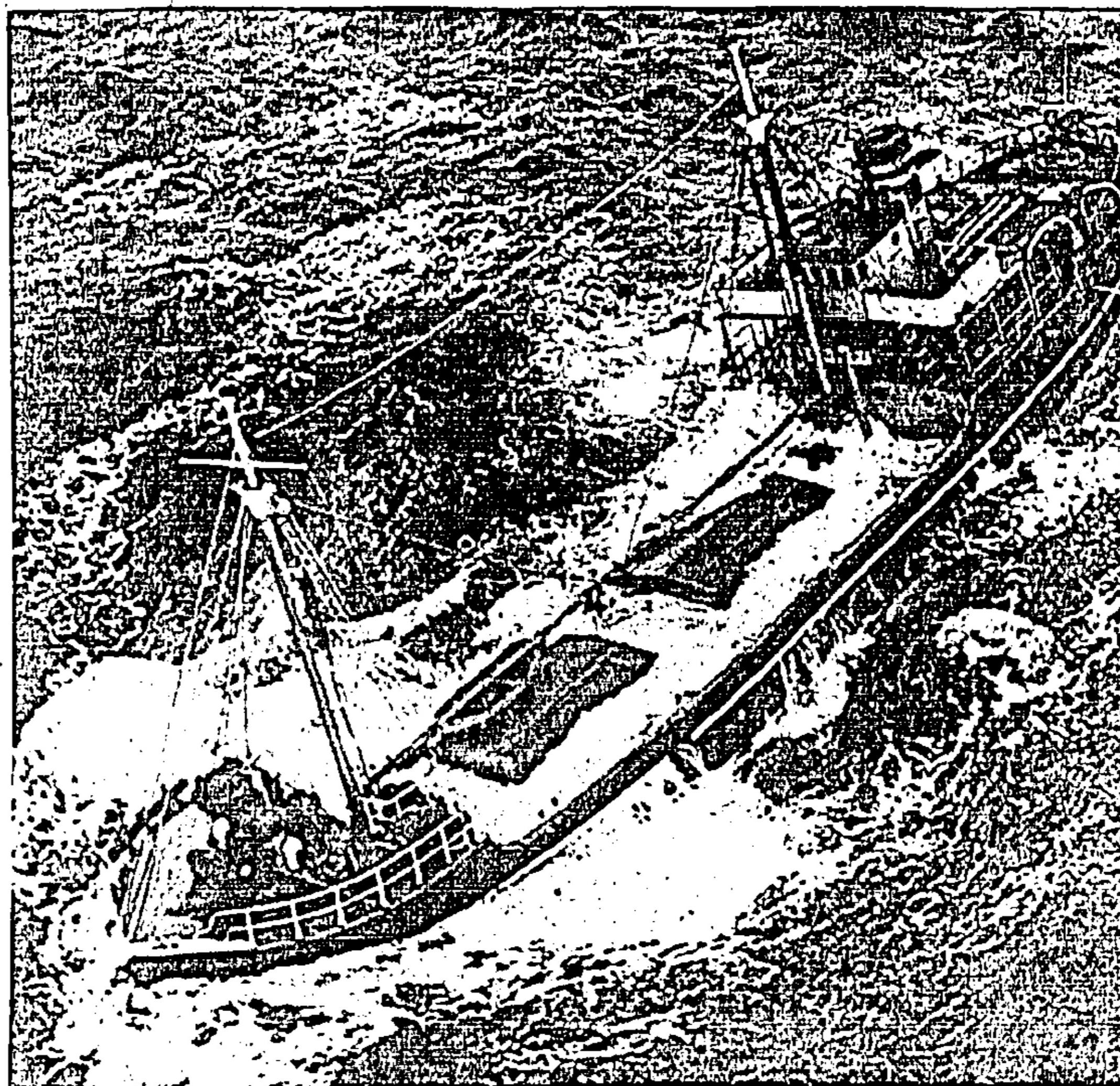
ALONG THE MAGINOT LINE—Farmer Paul Kedernia tends his sheep in lush pastures before a pillbox of the Maginot Line near Boulay, France. To solve the postwar housing problem, many farmers have moved into the bunkers, which probably cost the government about US\$100,000 each to build.



SATURDAY NIGHT—Saturday night is the same in the life of all youngsters. Maureen Radigan, 16-month-old child of Elmhurst, New York, has a different approach to the weekly institution. She not only smiles but takes her bath in the kitchen sink.



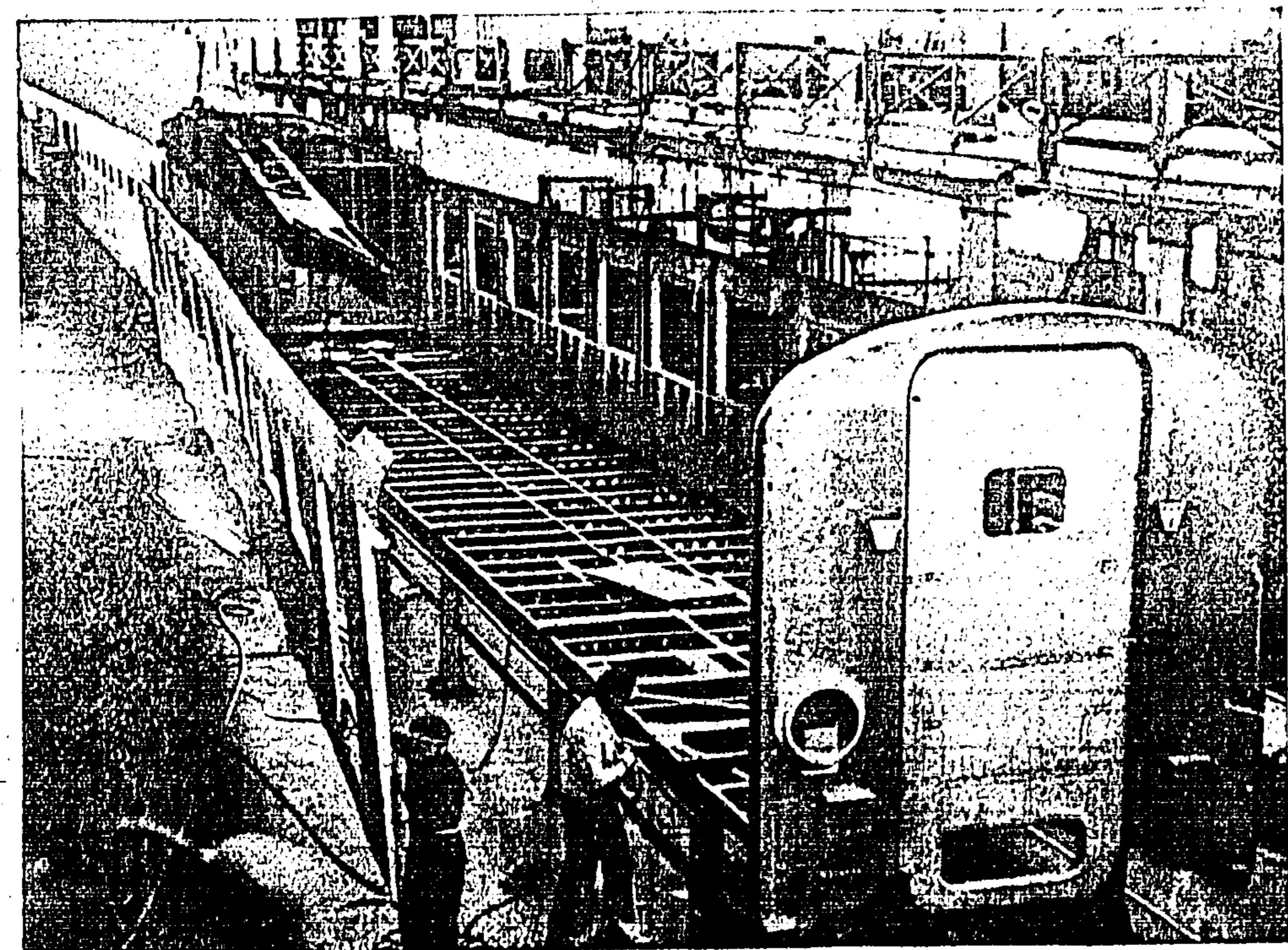
STAR AT REST—Hollywood actress Elizabeth Scott, in fetching decollete, smiles provocatively while resting between scenes.



FLOUNDERING IN THE SEA—Wind-whipped seas wash over the deck of the 399-ton Spanish ship, Andarine, off the Yorkshire coast. The vessel broke up and sank near Dowsing lightship. The crew and a 50-year-old mother of two were rescued by the trawler Simerson.



TRAVELLING IN STYLE—Conga is strictly a first-class traveller as he arrives in New York in the liner Queen Mary, nestled in the travelling bag of his mistress, Mrs. Elsie Caulcutt.



LIGHTWEIGHT TRAIN—Workers assemble a new stainless steel train in Bordeaux, France. The carriages are made of a light and strong type of steel called Duralino and will run on rubber tyres at a speed of 75 miles an hour. They will be used on the Paris to Strasbourg line.



DROPPED FROM THE SKY—Children of Port Washington, Long Island, look over the remains of a private plane which collided with a Constellation over the town. The pilot and passenger of the lighter craft were killed, but the transport landed its 23 passengers safely, although part of the small plane was still stuck in its side.

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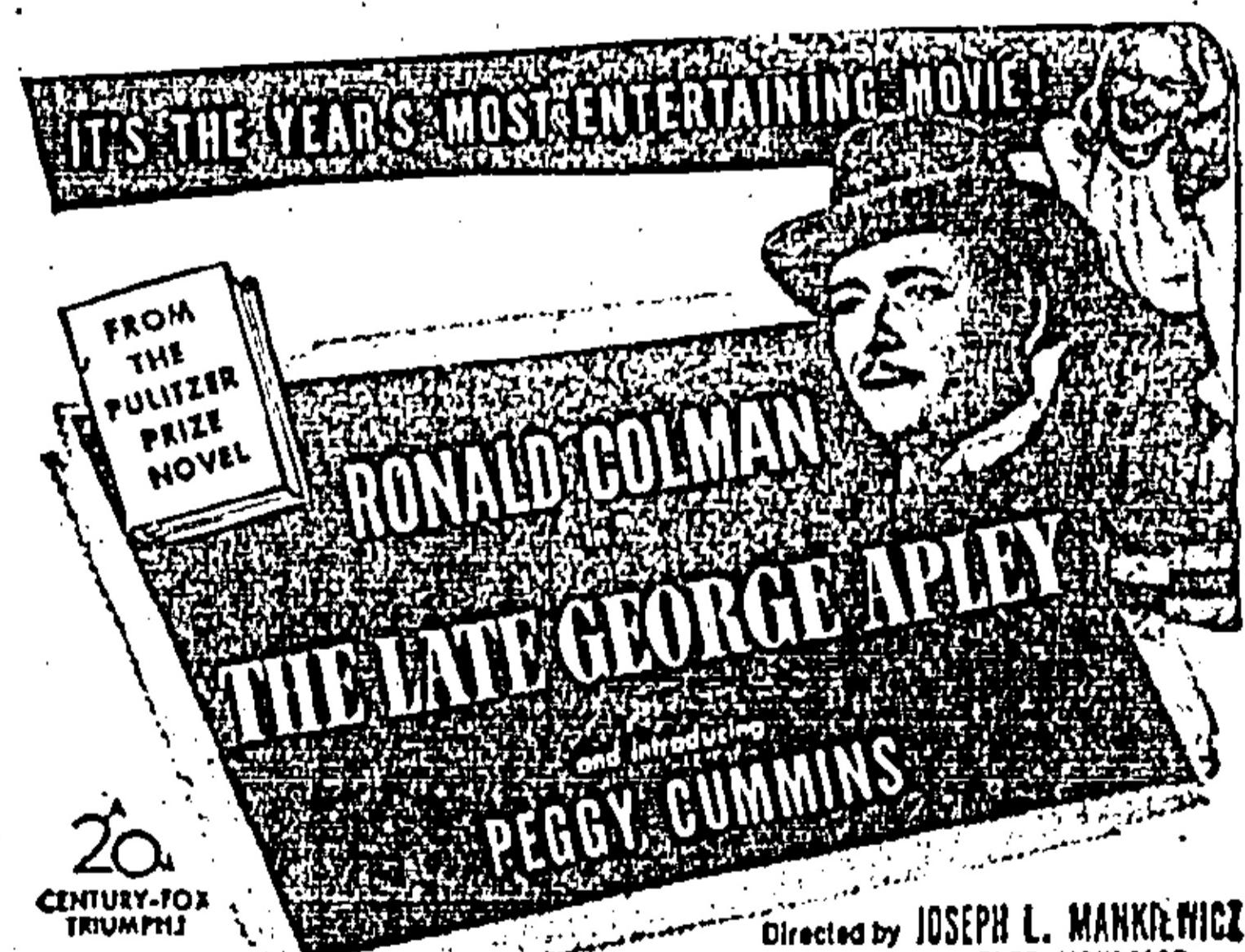
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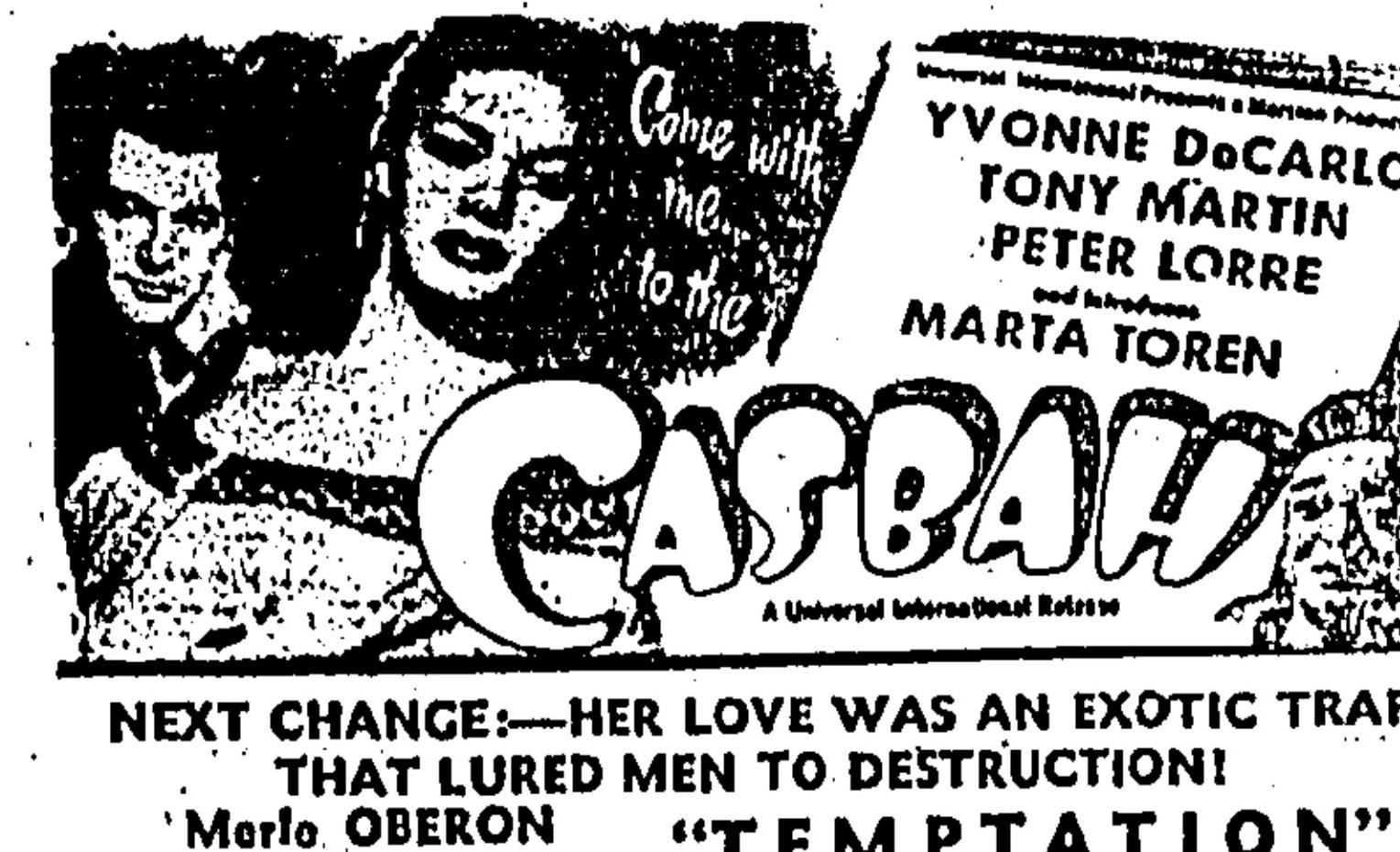
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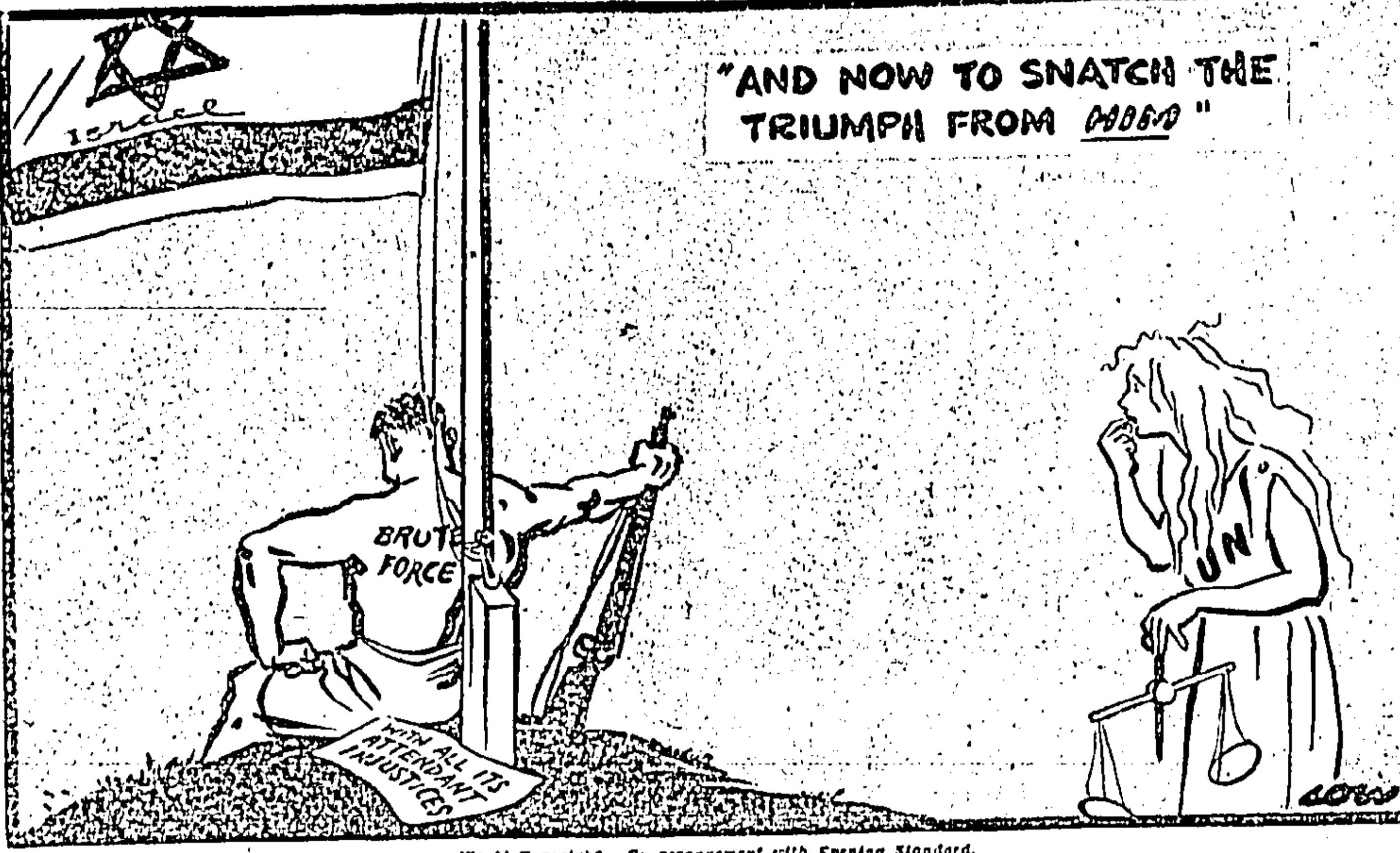
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BIG MONEY IN THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

By GROUP CAPTAIN H.S.L. DUNDAS, DSO., DFC.

NEARLY £1,500,000 has been earned in six months by civil aeroplanes on charter in the Berlin airlift.

I believe that charter companies, operating between 30 and 40 aircraft, shared a gross revenue of about £483,000 in January. From this I calculate that they earned a net profit of not less than £70,000.

This month the net profit will go up to £94,000, or about £3,360 a day. That is on the basis of each aircraft doing two trips a day, which is the minimum average for the fleet as a whole.

Eleven private companies and nationalised British South American Airways are operating alongside the RAF. The civil fleet is growing. A month ago there were 31 planes at work. Now there are 44. Soon there will be 48.

These aircraft are carrying about 40 percent of the British load, though they represent only 25 percent of the British air fleet. All the liquid fuel—petrol, diesel oil, and kerosene—used in the three Western sectors is flown in by British civilian operators. This is the most dangerous job on the lift.

ROUND TRIP PROFIT £40

I can disclose the rates at which these aircraft are chartered to the Government. In the case of Haltons (converted Halifax bombers) they are paid by the Treasury at £85 per flying hour. The direct operating cost for these aircraft is £70 an hour.

A trip to Berlin and out again takes about two and a half hours flying time, which means that a Halton earns a profit of between £35 and £40 on each round trip.

Often one plane does three or more trips a day.

In early January, by flying six trips in 24 hours, a single Halton of Westminster Airways netted £220 for the company in one day.

Sir Alan Cobham's firm, Flight Refuelling, Ltd., flew 419 hours on the lift in

December, using four Lancastrians. This effort must have given them a profit of more than £6,000.

FLEW MORE THAN RAF

Thirty-five-year-old Wing Commander Barry Aikman, who runs Aquila Airways, operated Hythe flying-boats from September, until ice on Berlin's Lake Havel caused them to be withdrawn in December.

Using two boats, supplemented for the last month by a third, Aikman's company carried 5½ tons of freight on each trip, flew more than 400 hours.

Plane for plane, they flew more than the RAF although using the same kind of boat, and they carried a heavier load. Also their flying crew numbered three against the RAF's seven.

In three and half months this £20,000 company made enough profit to buy nine Hythes from B.O.A.C.

The company was started last summer by four young men who each put in £5,000.

Working from a London office of one room, with one secretary, they now run the biggest privately owned fleet of flying-boats in the world.

Air Vice-Marshal Bennett, sacked chief executives of B.S.A.C., is operating with two Avro Tudors, the aircraft which B.O.A.C. turned down.

Confident that this British airliner can be run at a profit, he bought a Tudor II, and a Tudor V, and formed a company called Airflight, Ltd.

THREE FLIGHTS IN 24 HOURS

In four months he has done over 800 hours' airlift flying at a charter rate of £150 an hour.

The London end of this business is a one-woman affair, the one woman being Mrs Bennett.

When Bennett asked his old

At Wunsdorf, in Germany, his aircraft are kept flying by ex-Group Captain Sarsby, until last August chief engineer of B.S.A.C.

Training his crews as he goes along, Bennett has done most of the flying himself. Nearly always he does three flights in each 24 hours, taking more than 27 tons of fuel into Berlin.

He flies with a crew of three, including himself—one fewer than B.S.A.C. uses with the same aircraft. He carries 9.1 tons on each trip; the corporation carries 8.7.

One cannot assess Bennett's operating costs exactly, for the terms on which he obtained the aircraft are not known.

It is said that one was virtually a gift from A. V. Roe's to the man who believed in Tudors. The other, it is stated, was supplied on the hire-purchase system.

Total bill involved was about £120,000. The Ministry of Supply offered Tudor freighters to B.O.A.C. for £100,000 apiece.

NET PROFIT IS NEAR £16,000

Bennett's charter rate of £150 per flying hour probably gives him a clear profit of at least £20. That would mean that he has so far made a net profit of £16,000.

Their five aircraft, with which they obtain a high utilization, are each probably earning between £20 and £25 profit per flying hour. This means that the company is netting £13,000 each month from the airlift.

And, whatever the weather, their £3,000 is guaranteed.

Although the RAF is doing a good job on the lift, returns show that aircraft for aircraft, the civil operators do better.

The Skyways' Yorks are carrying 20,500 lb. payload; the RAF Yorks were taking only 16,500 lb., though they have stepped this to 18,000 lb. by stripping out galley and lavatories.

The RAFA are also using the new Handley Page Hastings. Yet these carry only 15,000 lb.—less than the obsolescent Lancastrians.

TREASURY AND THE EXPENSES

RAF aircrafts have been awarded decorations for flying 75 of these missions; many of the civilian pilots have done well over 100.

I flew out of Berlin with "Major Barbara" Shaw still stands by his philosophy:

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The Treasury is worried about the expense of the civil airlift. Another meeting was held recently at which the terms were reviewed.

But though the charter companies are making a good profit, they are certainly giving value for money.

And all the aircraft they are using are of a kind which have either been turned down, or operated at a loss, by the nationalised corporations.

stubs lying in their stores, he was told they were not for sale. He asked Airwork, Ltd., to approach the corporation as buyers, and the stubs were released to them immediately.

Latest addition to the airlift is General Critchley's firm Skyways, who now have three Avro Yorks carrying freight and two Lancastrians flying fuel.

Believed to be the most successful money-spinners in civil aviation, Skyways at first refused to come in, the charter terms being unacceptable. But a new basis of payment was agreed on and Skyways joined the lift.

She tried the British consul—where she got friendliness but no cash.

Finally, she went back to the transport office and told her dilemma.

"That's all right," said the attendant, with a pitying smile. "You can have it back for nothing. We didn't realise you were English."

They have just issued a new game called "Political Snakes and Ladders." The winner is the first to reach a hundred on the snakes board without falling into the fearsome pits of Western life with which it is strewn.

Worst penalty on the board: at 88, above it stands Mr Churchill alongside a barrel of gunpowder with a "warrorger" in his hand.

A player who alights on it goes back to No. 8, where Mr Churchill is waiting, swathed in bandages—the wounds the Soviet say his prestige received in 1940, when he failed in his intervention war against Russia.

Other hazards: the BBC and America's European broadcasts; if you land on them back you go to Goebbels shouting through microphone from his coffin, and an American movie theatre showing "The Corpse in a Skyscraper."

But if you weather all these dangers and finally reach 100 everything is lovely—a jet-projected aircraft is waiting ready to whisk you back to safety and friends in the Soviet Union.

Soon long trousers will be covering those infant knees and he will be wearing them instead of velvet with lace ruffles. So he is off on another year of intensive concert-giving (some say at £1,000 a time), just in case his talent doesn't grow up with him—and, unlike those other baby geniuses MOZART and YEHUDI MENUHIN, he finds himself too old at 14.

IN piling up money for future independence the Boy Conductor has the approval of a man old enough to be his great-grandfather: BERARD SHAW.

Shaw's neighbour, S. WINSTEN, quotes Shaw as saying: "I would rather die like SAMUEL BUTLER casking for a cheque book, than like MOLIERE and BEETHOVEN."

Thus 40 years after he wrote "Major Barbara" Shaw still stands by his philosophy:

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OVER the air waves comes a new voice—and a new name (yes, an American again). On those occasions—Housewives' Chorus, Fa mili Favours and Record Round-up—when the BBC lets us choose our own entertainment, Miss NELLIE LUTCHER has lately appeared to break up the usual routine of GROSBY, SINATRA, PHIL HARRIS, and DANNY KAYE.

In this country Miss Lutcher—33-year-old coloured singer who looks and sounds very much like her own favourite vocalist, Ella Fitzgerald (they are both tall and buxom)—has achieved a startling success without the aid of films.

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THAT other literary blob on our landscape, the critic MR. CYRIL CONNOLLY, also dis-

• In squalor and poverty.

William Hickey

Money Talks? . . . Well, Yelps—Rather!

LONDON. HOW are things in the West End, that sensitive barometer of the condition of things everywhere?

Bookings for rooms in the luxury hotels continue to be most satisfactory. It is easy to get a room at the week-end, but not during the Monday-Friday period.

Visitors to London who keep up the real prosperity of the big hotels are mostly from the Continent. There are more French, Belgian, German, and Danish visitors than there were before the war.

But in the bars receipts are down quite heavily. Hotel bars which were taking £120 a day 12 months ago are now under the £100 mark, some as low as £75. Grill rooms and restaurants also show a decline.

Which would you rather be: a business man bowling to and fro between London and Manchester, always looking for a fourth at cards, entrée for the sake of trade, innumerable bad lunches with people you've never met, dining at dog race

courses (not for the first time) his opinions on the use of money. Mr Connolly looks like an overfed cat, but conceals the spit of a puma.

Peculiarly he doesn't like anyone who figured in what he calls "this love affair between rakish Big Business and homely, respectable Miss Bureaucracy"—meaning some of the witnesses at the Lynskey Tribunal.

Says he: "To a detached observer what stands out most is the complete and utter dullness of the two conflicting ways of life.

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tracks with minor politicians, waiting for permits to make profits at once removed by taxation, jollying up the wives of public figures—or a servant of the State, poor but enormously respectable, inflated by touched cups and despatch cases, and so smothered by the gnawings of fear or envy that any old Park-lane Jackdaw appearing on the window-sill bedazzles like a peacock?

MR. CONNOLLY fears "the spirit of the Russian purges is growing up in our happy little Socialist brotherhood." He had better take a look at Moscow's funny paper, KROKODIL, and find out what happens when the Communists start spreading that spirit among the children.

They have just issued a new game called "Political Snakes and Ladders." The winner is the first to reach a hundred on the snakes board without falling into the fearsome pits of Western life with which it is strewn.

Worst penalty on the board: at 88, above it stands Mr Churchill alongside a barrel of gunpowder with a "warrorger" in his hand.

A player who alights on it goes back to No. 8, where Mr Churchill is waiting, swathed in bandages—the wounds the Soviet say his prestige received in 1940, when he failed in his intervention war against Russia.

Other hazards: the BBC and America's European broadcasts; if you land on them back you go to Goebbels shouting through microphone from his coffin, and an American movie theatre showing "The Corpse in a Skyscraper."

But if you weather all these dangers and finally reach 100 everything is lovely—a jet-projected aircraft is waiting ready to whisk you back to safety and friends in the Soviet Union.

Over the air waves comes a new voice—and a new name (yes, an American again). On those occasions—Housewives' Chorus, Fa mili Favours and Record Round-up—when the BBC lets us choose our own entertainment, Miss NELLIE LUTCHER has lately appeared to break up the usual routine of GROSBY, SINATRA, PHIL HARRIS, and DANNY KAYE.

In this country Miss Lutcher—33-year-old coloured singer who looks and sounds very much like her own favourite vocalist, Ella Fitzgerald (they are both tall and buxom)—has achieved a startling success without the aid of films.

Despite this handicap she was the cause of a black market in gramophone records. Swing enthusiasts here listened to her voice coming over regularly from Munich in the American Forces Network. They burrowed to the shops in search of Lutcher recordings—but until last month they were unobtainable in England. And these odd couples brought into the country changed hands at 25s. a time.

Her style is little different from the other American Negro singers of the casual "couldn't-care-less" school. The something new is in her own plane accompaniment and the extra bounce she puts into her soft, high-pitched monotone.

White King Toilet Soap for BEAUTY!



GOVT. DELAY ON NEW PIER LEASES "DEPLORABLE"

Star Ferry Co's Annual Meeting

Government's delay in not giving their answers on the terms of the Company's new pier leases was deplored by Mr H. Owen Hughes when he seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts at the 47th annual general meeting of the Star Ferry Company Limited held this morning in the board room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The Chairman, the Hon D.F. Landale, said that the position with regard to the issue of new leases for their piers was substantially unaltered since he addressed the meeting last year.

The Chairman also disclosed that 28,175,000 passengers were carried in their ferries during the year under review and the net profit of the Company for the year was \$1,600,116.80.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Landale said:

"Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I wish to record our very deep regret at the untimely death of the Company's Superintendent, Mr Malcolm Hardie, which occurred on October 4, last year; I am sure shareholders will wish to associate themselves with this expression of regret at the loss of a valued servant, and to express their sympathy with Mrs Hardie and family."

The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

You will note from the Report that 28,175,000 passengers were carried in our ferries during the year 1948; this is an increase of over 2,000,000 on the number carried in 1947, and represents in total nearly three times the pre-war figure.

The introduction of the rebuilt "Golden Star" in January brought our fleet up to one short of the pre-war figure, but we were able to introduce and maintain throughout the year our pre-war service. In fact on many occasions of particularly heavy traffic, the five minute service was extended considerably beyond the hours of the pre-war schedule.

Our fleet has been taxed to the utmost in maintaining this service, and I consider the successful accomplishment of over 100,000 harbour crossings reflects great credit on the coxswains and crews of our launches.

DELIVERY DELAYS

The hope which I expressed last year that the rehabilitation of our "Electric Star" would be completed by the end of the year did not materialise; delays, not unexpected in these days, have occurred in delivery of the machinery from home, and the earliest date on which we can hope to have this vessel in service is now June of this year.

New engines for the further additional vessel to which I referred last year will, we hope, also be shipped within the next few months, but completion of plans for this vessel, which will be of new construction, are naturally contingent on plans for reconstruction of the ferry piers. These piers, designed and built in the days when the average passenger traffic was 20,000 per day, are hopelessly inadequate for the present traffic, which now averages nearly 90,000 per day, and no-one realises this more than your directors.

The position with regard to the issue of new leases for our piers is substantially unaltered since I spoke to you last year. As I then told you, in July 1947 we were informed by government that new leases would be issued, but that the terms and conditions thereof could not be decided until Sir Patrick Abercrombie's recommendations on Town

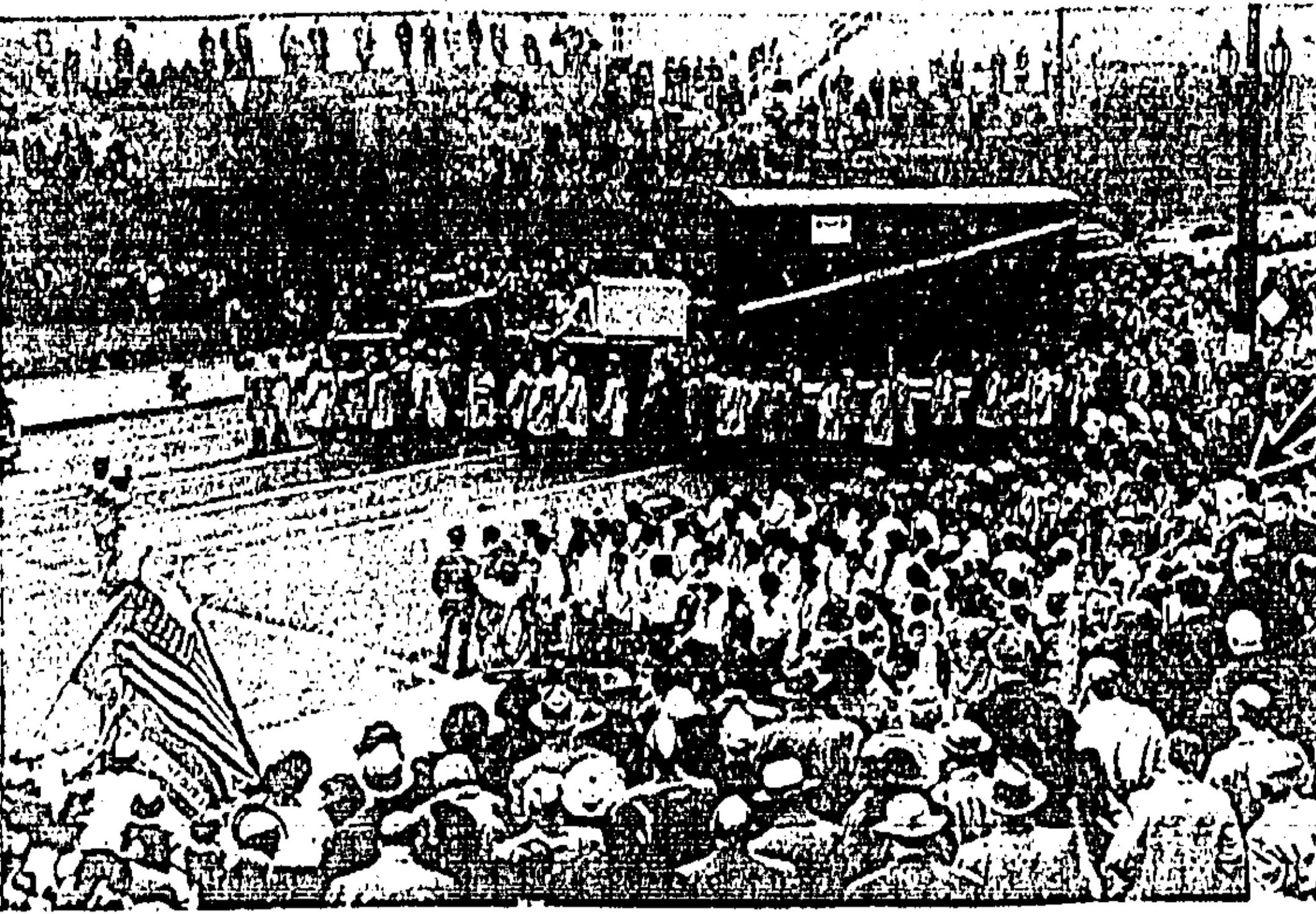
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It's lucky you're sick, Dorothy! I know I got a low score in the exams today—just think what you'd have got!"

California Says 'Merci' For Gifts



MAY & KWOK KWONG STAND TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1)

the system, Mr Hooton said that if there was a Government job to be done, a request would come to the head office of the PWD and Mr Brown would then ask

May, the electrical inspector at Kowloon, to submit an estimate for the work. May would then ask Kwok or one of the chargehands to prepare an estimate of the price of the job, together with the various requirements in the way of materials and labour, so that it would be known exactly what items would be required for a particular job.

After the estimate had been submitted to May he would forward it on to Mr Brown. The estimate would be signed by both May and Kwok. "So that you may think when the estimate goes off to Mr Brown, May has satisfied himself that approximately the right materials are being asked for the job," Mr Hooton said.

That was the system which was prevailing in the Hungtong workshop on August 11, 1948 when the Anti-Corrupt Branch of the Police, acting on information, made a raid on that workshop and at the end of the day, after having made a number of inquiries, Kwok was placed under arrest, said Counsel. May was not arrested until two days afterwards, he added.

The estimate would in the normal way be approved in due course, the Prosecutor continued, and then May would be instructed to put the work in hand, and the job would by this time be given a job number. The stores required were then issued from North Point, where they main Government store was, to the transit store at Wanchai and there they would remain until May and his staff required them for the job. When the stores were received, May would give authority for them to be drawn from Wanchai and brought over to Hungtong where they were held in the store until actually required by the workmen on a particular job. When the stores were re-issued to the person in charge of the job, it was normally Kwok who supervised such issues.

LARCENY COUNTS

Dealing with the first and fourth counts — larceny of 1,000 yards and 400 yards electrical cable respectively — which was taken from the Hungtong workshop to certain houses at Pokfulam, the contention of the Prosecution, said Mr Hooton, was that the re-wiring of two private houses at Pokfulam was done by Government workmen from Hungtong, being detailed for that job by Kwok Kwong and that the materials were issued to the workmen by Kwok, who accompanied the workmen and the materials in the first place to the site. It was this contention of the Crown also that May connived, or procured Kwok to do that.

Reports said five others were killed and several wounded in Saturday's attacks by gunmen on the airport and factories at Calcutta and Basirhat.

The police reported that the charred bodies found today in a furnace were identified as Fred G. Turnbull, Arthur Dwyer and Frederick Brennan.

NO-OFFICIAL-RECORDS

No official record was kept of issues at Hungtong, Mr Hooton went on. It would appear that in certain cases the back of the estimate sheet was used for that, but Mr Brown would say that that was not an essential part of accounting and need not be kept at all and it would also appear that generally that was not done with any degree of accuracy.

No ledgers were kept of stores at Hungtong, the Prosecutor said, and it would appear that little or no attempt was made to segregate the stores for the various jobs. The Jury might think that this lack of proper record made the task of checking a particular difficult one and that a system of that type made theft of stores from Hungtong more easy than it would be had there been a proper record kept. "You may also think," Crown Counsel said, "that as far as both the accused go that it is significant that they permitted this system to continue."

Regarding the Accounts, there is little I can usefully add to what has already been said. Shareholders will be gratified at the satisfactory results of the year's working and will I am sure, approve the strong position of our reconstruction

revenue although the number of passengers carried is three times the 1941 figure. The position is such that if conditions were to return to normal and traffic to drop to any marked extent we should be unable to operate on the existing fares. The good results in operating today are therefore entirely due to the abnormal traffic handled, and certainly cannot be attributed to unwaranted increases in fares.

NET PROFIT

The net profit for the year was \$1,600,116.80, which after adding the unappropriated profits

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therein be adopted.

RE-ELECTIONS

The appointment of Mr Horace Kadourie to the Directorate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Lawrence Kadourie, was confirmed.

On the proposal of Major C. W. L. Way, seconded by Mr W. Hyde, Mr T. B. Wilson was re-elected a director while Mr H. D. Benham was re-elected a director at the proposal of Mr J. Moodie, seconded by Mr R. H. Jones.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,750 per annum on the proposal of Mr E. Grant Smith, seconded by Mr A. R. Ellis.

Present at the meeting were the Hon D. F. Landale (chairman), Messrs H. D. Benham, N. O. C. Marsh, Horace Kadourie and T. B. Wilson (directors), Mr C. E. Terry (manager), Mr G. E. S. Thomson (secretary) and the following shareholders: Major C. W. L. Way, Messrs E. Grant Smith, J. Moodie, W. Hyde, H. Owen Hughes, D. L. Prophet, Leung Fat-tin, A. N. Mackenzie, C. N. Kong, R. H. Jones, A. H. Ellis and E. S. Abraham.

PROGRESS CHART

At the same time the list was typed, the clerk also prepared auditors at a remuneration of \$1,750 per annum on the proposal of Mr E. Grant Smith, seconded by Mr A. R. Ellis.

Present at the meeting were

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Commencing To-morrow: "No Orchids For Miss Blandish"

BURMA BATTLE IN MAKING

(Continued from Page 1)

Ten thousand people here to-day heard Premier Thakin Nu appeal for the fullest support to the Government's efforts to restore law and order and thus enable elections to take place within the time specified by the constitution.

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Two Hurt In Plane Crash

Sathay, S. Rhodesia, Feb.

27.—Two Swedish airmen were injured when their amphibious aircraft crashed after taking off here today. The airmen, Thorsten Gustafsson and Captain Jure Wager, were taken to hospital. Their condition is not serious.

Police patrols were posted in front of important communication centres and Government offices, according to reports reaching here.—United Press.

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Radio Hongkong

WEEKLY

Programme Summary: 6.01

The Regional, No. 1 (A-F)

Global Dance Orchestra (Studio)

World News and News Analysis

World Relay: 7.15, The Advances

(London)

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

RECREIO VERY NEARLY THE CHAMPIONS

A fourth wicket stand by Hinshawood and Morris for 53 runs at Sookunpoa on Saturday helped the RAF beat Army by 29 runs in the only upset in Saturday's League Cricket.

Army, with 96 runs to make for a win, collapsed before Gambrill and Hodgson, the latter keeping up a deadly length for some of his best bowling of the season.

While Recreio took a very easy four points off a weakened Navy XI at King's Park, the most interesting match of the afternoon developed at the Kowloon Cricket Club where the Optimists declared at 170 for seven wickets after a knock for 91 by Franklin who did not include an easy "life."

Optimists were two wickets down for eight runs when Franklin joined Oliver and Hinshawood against Scorpions, both playing very scratch teams. Hinshawood and Morris for 53 runs in 63 minutes for some of the brightest cricket of the year.

KCC used five bowlers in spells of two or three overs apiece in an attempt to dislodge the partnership by variety in the attack. Oliver finally went to a catch by Davidson off Robbie Lee after having helped put on 113 for the third wicket in 51 minutes.

TOO SLOW

When Optimists declared at 170 for seven, they left the KCC all the time in the world to make as much. Though Taylor promoted to opening bat, and Archie Zimmerman after him, showed the way with some encouraging hitting, KCC's batting proved too slow and the early loss of Davidson was badly felt.

When time was finally played out, KCC had 115 on the board for seven wickets, with E. C. Flincher and N. Hart-Baker, reserved for a last-wicket partnership, still to bat.

EASY GOING

Navy, against Recreio, and Craigengower, against Scorpions, both playing very scratch teams, against League giants at full strength, were outclassed in every department of the game.

Recreio finished the afternoon eight points ahead of Army in the race for the Championship with RAF and JRC their remaining opponents.

Army, who have three matches left to play, are yet to face Scorpions, KCC and JRC. It looks at this stage like Recreio's championship.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	11	11	3	2	47
RAF	15	9	3	3	39
Police	2	4	3	3	35
Army	15	8	3	4	30
Scorpions	16	7	5	4	33
University	16	6	6	4	30
Optimists	16	6	6	4	30
KCC	14	4	5	5	21
RAF	11	3	4	4	16
JRC	13	3	3	7	15
Royal Navy	14	2	2	10	10
Craigengower	14	1	2	11	6

Recreio 3, Navy 1, RAF 1, Police 1, Army 1, Scorpions 1, University 1, Optimists 1, KCC 1, RAF 1, JRC 1, Royal Navy 1, Craigengower 1.

BOWLING

BEST PERFORMANCES IN SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

BATTING

R. W. Franklin (Optimists v. KCC) 51

A. M. Prata (Recreio v. Navy) 55

T. A. Pearce (Scorpions v. CCC) 70

L. G. Gosano (Recreio v. Navy) 56

O. J. Kerr (Scorpions v. CCC) 53

H. M. Newton (Scorpions v. CCC) 41

F/Lt. R. K. Hinshawood (RAF v. Army) 30

N. R. Oliver (Optimists v. KCC) 36

RAF v. Army) 30

Gnr. D. Banton (Army) 0-32

Cpl. A. Hodgson (RAF v. Army) 5-19

E. F. Gee (Scorpions v. CCC) 5-23

F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF v. Army) 4-25

T. P. Mahon (Optimists v. KCC) 4-29

Not Out. Qualification: 150 runs with an average over 15.00.

S'pore Rugby XV

The Singapore United Services XV arrived at Kai Tak yesterday evening and appeared to be very fit. They will have a knock-about this morning at Sookunpoa at ten o'clock, and will meet the Club XV at five o'clock.

For those who can manage to attend this game should be worth watching. Arrangements and prices of admission will be as for Saturday.

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Not	Inn.	Out	Runs	H. S.	Aver.
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	5	5	479	62*	47.90	
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	6	6	211	30*	42.20	
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	2	4	485	110	37.91	
J. M. Gosano (University)	3	3	417	12*	37.90	
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	3	3	366	65*	36.69	
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	1	1	283	85	35.37	
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	3	3	349	91	34.90	
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	2	2	369	78	30.90	
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	4	4	230	53	27.50	
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	1	1	322	65*	26.63	
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	4	4	230	70	26.44	
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	0	0	350	64	25.61	
G. A. Sora (Craigengower)	3	3	255	49	25.50	
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	0	0	177	53	25.28	
A/C J. S. Beirne (RAF)	2	2	209	71	23.18	
F. Howorth (Scorpions)	3	3	179	57*	22.07	
A. R. Abbs (IRC)	3	3	185	46	20.55	
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	1	1	196	48	19.60	
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	1	1	216	50	19.58	
F. R. Zimmers (KCC)	0	0	190	63	17.27	
G. H. Choy (Craigengower)	0	0	250	42	17.20	
M. M. Little (Optimists)	1	1	222	56*	17.07	
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	0	0	213	60	16.38	
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	0	0	162	39	16.20	
Gnr. D. Banton (Army)	2	2	161	37*	16.10	
Mnd. C. R. Mur-Brown (Army)	2	2	208	52	15.84	
D. Chellish (University)	0	0	187	37	15.58	

*Not Out. Qualification: 150 runs with an average over 15.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Gnr. D. Banton (Army)	130.5	37	341	47	7.25
Cpl. Hart (Royal Navy)	91	29	204	27	7.55
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	70.4	15	215	27	7.96
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	55	5	221	26	8.50
L. A. Stepto (Army)	69	19	208	23	9.04
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	117.2	25	346	30	9.10
J. C. Koh (University)	168.3	51	365	40	9.12
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	112.5	12	404	44	9.16
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	210	49	616	63	9.77
F. R. Zimmers (KCC)	88.3	17	292	24	10.91
F. Howorth (Scorpions)	187.1	46	516	44	11.72
D. McLean (Optimists)	8	270	23	11.73	
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	156.5	34	530	42	12.01
E/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF)	108	29	305	24	12.70
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	159.5	16	400	33	14.18
T. H. Lee (KCC)	108.5	25	544	38	14.31
A. K. Izzat (IRC)	105.1	17	347	24	14.45
A. L. Snath (Optimists)	107.5	20	340	24	14.54
A. el Arculli, Jr. (IRC)	125.3	29	423	27	15.66
P. J. Billmorn (CCC)	211	33	743	47	15.80
S. M. Teh (University)	150	21	501	20	17.27
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	92.4	5	349	20	17.45
T. Crabtree (Craigengower)	103.4	36	605	34	17.70

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average under 20.00.

TEST MATCH

SOMETHING NEW



RISE OF AN INDOOR SPORT

STATELY PERSONS ONCE CALLED IT 'PING PONG'

London, Feb. 27.—Table tennis, one of the newest of modern sports, has developed from a parlour game into one of the most popular indoor sports since its introduction somewhere around 50 years ago.

The origin of the game is somewhat obscure, but it is believed to have been introduced about 1890, when stately persons indulged in a "ping-pong" game of patting ball to and fro on the parlour table.

Today table tennis is a real game and a scientific sport, calling for perfect physical fitness and great concentration. In England, about 100,000 players are affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association, who look after the interests of 5,000 clubs and 300 leagues.

The Continental stranglehold was broken this year by Johnny Leach, who became the first English-born player to win the Men's Singles since Fred Perry, of lawn tennis fame, did so 20 years ago.

Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria all figure prominently in the record books, both in the team and individual events.

The game has made great strides in America, too, as is evidenced by the fact that four of the five English titles last week were won by Americans.

Never has it been more clearly demonstrated that table tennis is a young man's sport than in the final of the men's singles at Wembley, in which 10-year-old Martin Reisman, of the United States, beat 37-year-old Victor Barna, several times Wimbledon runner-up.

The object of his mission is to sound official opinion in Britain on the question whether Germany can resume her place among the lawn tennis nations.

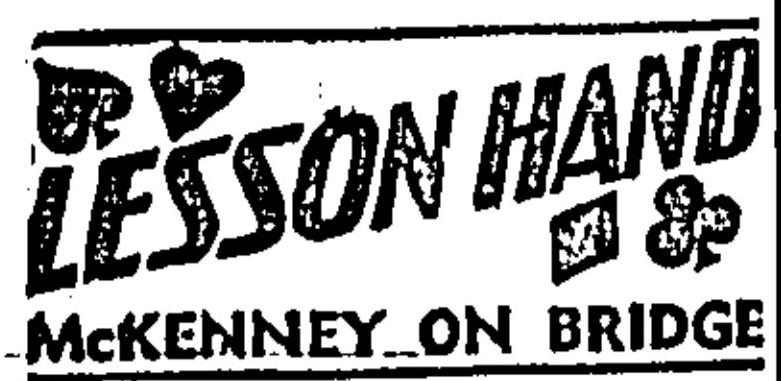
The first step would be the readmission of Germany to membership of the International Federation, which holds its general meeting in Paris in July.

On the outcome of Von Cramm's talk here depends whether the German Lawn Tennis Association will make an application to the Federation to be readmitted, she cannot enter for the Davis Cup competition, nor can German players compete in national championships of any other nation affiliated to the Federation.

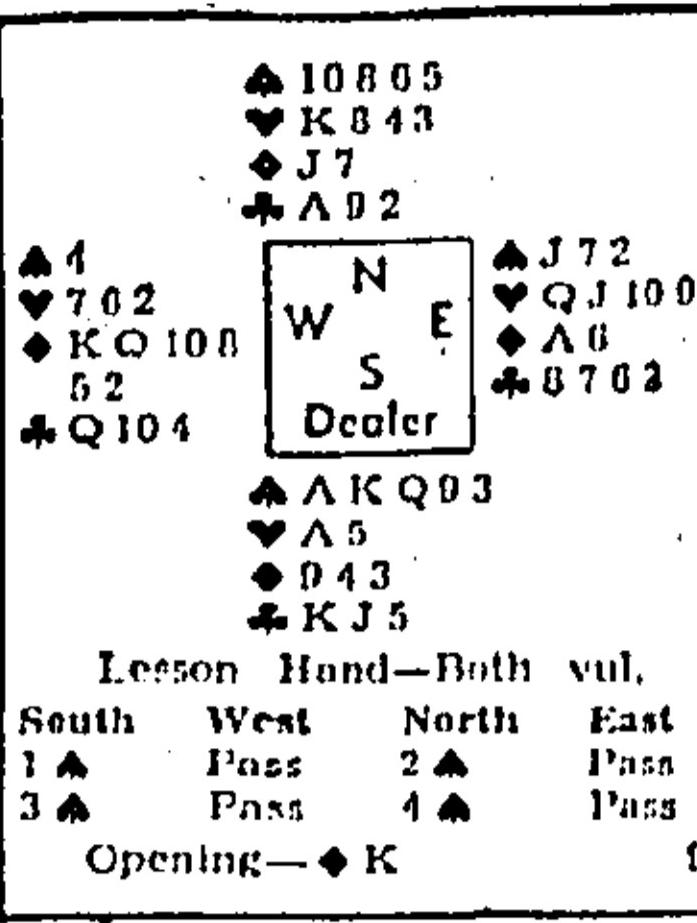
Since then, Compton has been playing cricket continuously except for the 1947-48 winter, when he played football for Arsenal instead of touring the West Indies. His peak period was in the 1947 English season, in which he failed by less than 200 to aggregate 4,000 runs.

Compton's postwar record is 577 in India (1945-46), 2,003 in England (1946), 1,600 in Australia (1946-47), 3,010 in England (1947), 2,451 in England (1948) and 1,565 to date in the South African tour. This

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS



Using Safety Play
Usually Pays Off



BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE of these days I am going to get our surgeon-general, Dr Leonard A. Scheele, into a bridge game.

Dr Scheele asked me which is more important in bridge, the bidding or the play. I then asked him which was more important in his profession, medication or surgery. Of course, he sidestepped that issue.

"Naturally," he said, "it all depends upon the ease." "And the same thing is true in bridge," I said. "Many a fine bridge hand dies on the table because of a careless play."

That is why I have selected today's hand as our lesson hand. The bidding follows a normal course, and West's opening lead must be the king of diamonds. East makes a nice play when he overtakes it with the ace and immediately returns the six of diamonds. West wins this trick with the queen and lays down the ten of diamonds.

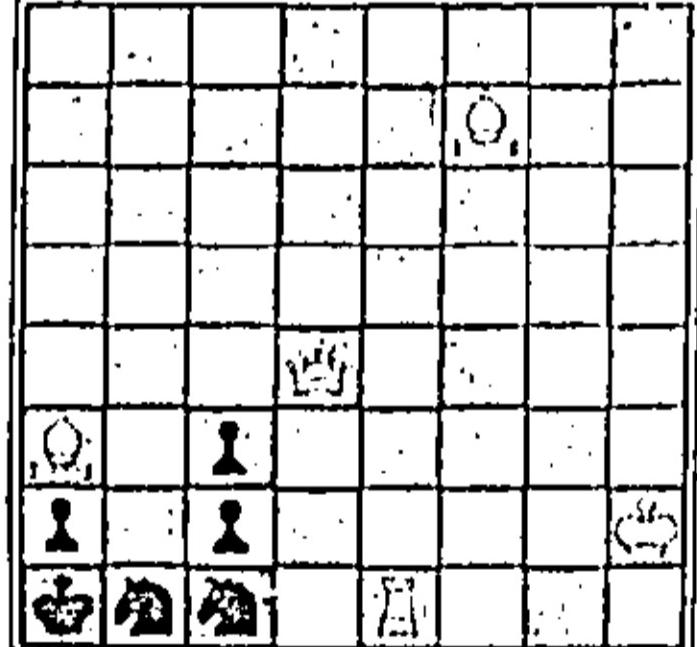
Now, a cardless declarer would trump this in dummy with the ten of spades. East would overtrump with the jack, and South still would have to lose a club trick. But a careful declarer will make a safety play. Instead of trumping the ten of diamonds in dummy, he will simply overtrump the dummy's losing deuce of clubs.

There is nothing East can do then. If he trumps, he is the last trick; the defenders will make. If he does not trump, West will hold the trick, and if he continues a diamond, declarer will be able to overtrump anything that East trumps with.

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON

Black, 6 pieces.



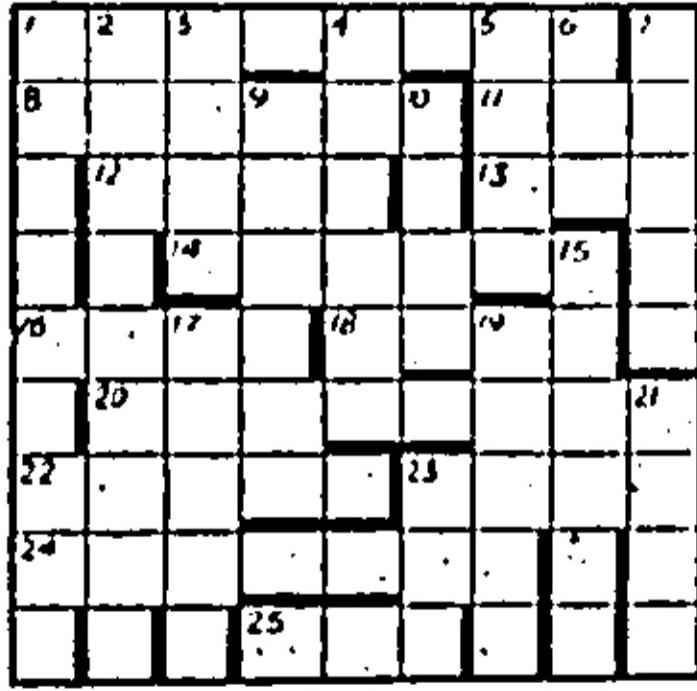
White, 5 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt - K5, v...KxKt; 2. Q-Q7; 1...others; 2. Q-Q4.

CROSSWORD



At last Rupert and Bill see a speck of light at the end of the long tunnel, and the little car slows down to its own accord before being stopped by a block of stone. They find that they have run right out of the mountain and are at the edge of a great precipice. Next moment an excited little elf in a guard's cap has leapt in front of them. "Who are you, and what are you doing on our secret railway?" he demands, pointing angrily and looking fierce. "We allow no strangers here!"

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To Save a Life—



AROUND THE WORLD:

Sorrento Peninsula, Italy

By TEMPLE MANNING

HERE WE ARE IN LONDON AT LAST! I WANT TO SEE EDINBURGH CASTLE, THE EIFFEL TOWER AND THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA

Facing the eastern edge of Capri is Point Campanella, the cape that marks the end of the lovely Sorrento peninsula. This bit of land, that embraces so much that is lovely, extends westward from the hilly coast of Campania, with the Bay of Naples to the north and the Gulf of Salerno to the south.

Famous for Roses

A few miles below, on the shore of Salerno Gulf, is all that remains of Paestum, the famous Greek city of the sixth century B.C. The locality was famous for its roses, and even today some of the richly perfumed Paestum roses grow wild, blooming twice a year.

The ancient Poseidonia, city of Paestum, once stood here, on the border between Campania and Lucania. In the ninth century the Moslems destroyed the town, while the green plain along the sea-coast was abandoned, for it was found to be marshy. The ruins consist of many well-preserved towers and walls and three large temples, built in the Doric style and regarded as the finest examples of Greek architecture outside of Athens. Wonderful indeed is the great temple to Poseidon or Neptune,



Amalfi, Sorrento Peninsula, Italy

100 feet long, having 30 columns 28 feet high and more than 7 feet in diameter.

Lovely Old Town

At the head of the gulf is the lovely old town of Salerno, once the Greek Salentum. Gem of Salerno is the 11th century Cathedral of St. Matthew. The ridge of Monte St. Angelo, which forms the Sorrento peninsula, has cut along the face of its limestone cliffs a wonderful road which, with its diversity of scenery, is undoubtedly one of the world's most picturesque drives.

The road follows the rugged coast line at 100 feet or more above the sea. Dotted here and there are pretty little villages of white-washed houses set in glowing gardens and greenery, perched perilously along the cliffs. The most famous of these—the despair of artists who come from all over the world to capture its charms on canvas—is Amalfi. Built on the edge of a deep ravine which opens out of the sea, the little town seems a succession of terraced gardens above its little harbour. In and near the tiny beach, there used to be some macaroni factories.

Above the western edge of the town, and now used as an hotel, is a magnificent old Capuchin monastery, beautifully set some 230 feet above the sea. Even the people from Capri, when they do stir off the island and come over to Sorrento, admit that Amalfi is something pretty special.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I were asked to—
Prodose: You aren't.

Myself: Very well. You take over for today.

Prodose: Willingly.... As the festive season once more approaches, the house—

Myself: Thank you. That will be enough. If I were asked to present a cup for the champion phrase of the week, it would go to the man who is reported to have said: "An international World Government of scientists would soon restore confidence and tranquillity, as it would be a guarantee against the misuse of dangerous inventions."

Tomorrow: "Some Peaceful Aspects of Germ Warfare."

Oh, I say, look here!

Dear Mr. Editor,

Being a resident of Hay-ward's Heath, I was naturally interested in the announcement that a well-known cook had sent a model of Greenwich Observatory in splendour to our cookery exhibition. On inquiry, I found that there is no such exhibition here, and nobody had heard of the model. Somebody has been pulling Beachcomber's leg.

Yrs. faithfully,

(Mrs.) Julia Bancroft.

The poetry of slow motion

SHEFFIELD'S "Industrial

Pageant of Production,"

expressing the housing, food,

and tobacco shortages in song,

humour, and dance," should set

a fashion. I am planning

documentary pantomime, with

Little West Riding Hood, the

fairy Outfit (who leaps the Gap,

with the old witch Redreinfection

in hot pursuit), and the

Giant Soreboard roaring out

the numbers of work-hours gained

per unit of personnel. A Queue

ballet will give a chance to

demonstrate the Static Ballet at

its best, each movement being a

miracle of poise, and the essence

of the poetry of perpetual slow

motion.

Paukergrad

BUCHAREST is in future to be

known among true democrats as Paukergrad, as a tribute to Marshallissimo Mrs. Pauker, the Rose of Old Omsk, Rumania's

own atom bomb, so bright and

so breezy, so free and so easy

with every Dick, Harry, and

Tomsk.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Unions To Demand More Wage Increases

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Congress of Industrial Organisation announced today that its unions will seek major wage rises, more welfare funds and shorter working weeks in 1949 contract talks to be held during the next sixty days.

Mr John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, is also expected to ask the coal industry for new contract talk by May 1.

Many other United States unions say in the current issues of their newspapers that the fall in the cost of living during the last four months has been too small, to warrant any delay in the drive for a 1949 wage rise.

The American Federation of Labour has already stated that workers should receive at least a five percent wage rise this year, despite the declining living costs.

The National Foremen's Institute-Management Organisation estimated that the fourth round of pay rises has so far averaged 9.9 cents per hour.

This is slightly more than a five percent increase of average hourly earnings for factory workers.

The Institute reported that pay rises ranged two and a half to 40 cents an hour in almost 1,000 contracts surveyed.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service said contract negotiations had headed into its Spring boom on the same schedule as in 1948.

The Service received 800 "strike" notices in the first

"Gradual Recession" Predicted For America

Wellesley Hills, (Mass.) Feb. 26.—Roger Babson, the economist who predicted the 1929 stock market crash, forecasts in the following interview a gradual business recession for the United States.

He says: "People are again

feeling plucked for money.

Competition in most industries

is again beginning to become

troublesome. Supply lines are

getting clogged with goods.

The public has used up a good part

of its war savings. With many

more concerns manufacturing

and many more people without

available savings, unemployment

is sure to increase—then the

"vicious circle" which caused

the expansion is bound to work

in reverse.

"On the other hand, I do not

expect a sudden drop, as occurred in 1920/21 and 1930 and 1937. This will be due to new

inventions, unemployment insurance, minimum wages, relaxed instalment regulations, more liberal small loan operations, and highly organised labour unions.

"Mr Royal's right-wing government

Yoshida has been playing

Japan's strategy—value for all

its worth. He has three objectives

firstly, to convince General

MacArthur that the rightists

should have a free hand in

Japanese internal affairs, secondly,

to get as many dollars out of

the United States as possible;

and thirdly, to have the United

States occupation troops quell

any internal resistance."

Legislation can taper off

instead. Instead of saying that a

crisis is just ahead of us, as I

preached in 1929, when there

were no oxygen or other

drugs available in Washington,

I now say that we have started

to walk down the stairs" and

will not reach the pavement

until 1952 or 1953.

There is nothing to worry

about now. Both the employment

figures and the unemployment

figures for the past few

years now being published are 90

percent political estimates and

guesses put out by Washington.

"But the business honeymoon

is over and we should once more

realize that we cannot loaf our

way to prosperity. We must

give some time and labour for

every dollar of wages and profits."

—United Press.

Buyers' Rush In S. Africa

Johannesburg, Feb. 27.—A buying rush has started in anticipation of scarecrows, following the announcement by the Finance Minister, Dr N. C. Havenga, of plans for import controls.

Yesterday was described by bankers and shopkeepers as the busiest day since Christmas. There were long queues outside liquor stores and chemists. Women rushed to buy cosmetics, perf

MR CHURCHILL HECKLED BY REDS

Demonstration In Brussels

APPEALS FOR UNITED EUROPE MOVEMENT

Brussels, Feb. 27.—Two Belgian Senators and one Communist Deputy were among the people arrested in the course of minor incidents today when Communists attempted to demonstrate against a mass rally in favour of European unity addressed by Britain's wartime leader, Mr Winston Churchill, and the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak.

The arrested Communist Deputy was M. Raymond Dispy, a former Minister without Portfolio.

Brussels police said 60 people were taken into custody during the demonstrations, which occurred in front of the Bourse, but that all were released after the meeting ended.

Earlier, Communists had shouted "Down with Churchill" as Britain's wartime Prime Minister appeared on the steps of the Stock Exchange to address a crowd of some 8,000 people on the subject of European unity, but their cries were quickly drowned by the thunderous cheers of the crowd.

A considerable force of police guarded the scene of the rally in view of earlier Communist threats. The two Communist Senators arrested were Senators Ladoue Pontevé and Fernand Minnaert.

Stink bombs were dropped and minor clashes broke out on the outskirts of the crowd while hundreds of anti-pamphlets were flung into the air as Mr Churchill arrived, accompanied by the Belgian Premier, M. Spaak. Some of the pamphlets drifted to the feet of the two statesmen.

The leaflets bore these phrases: "What are the former Nazis doing on the platform of the European Movement?" "Spak, the Warmonger," and "Down with Spaak."

CATCALLS DROWNED

When Mr. Churchill rose to speak, the catcalls were drowned in front of me." (Here there were some interruptions). He then began chanting: "Churchill, Churchill," said: "I will tell you a simple reason: why is it that the hecklers set up a barrage of poor and humble people rather than in peace and security?

"Because they have not thus far found the international organization which would allow them to live in security against tyranny and against being attacked by other nations. The people want to harvest the fruits of their labours—they want to be free from fear."

Amid prolonged applause, Mr. Churchill ended his speech. Later he attended a reception given by the Burgomaster of Brussels.

Special editions of the Belgian Communist organ, Le Drapeau Rouge, were being sold with an appeal to all workers to demonstrate against the war profiteers.

SPEAKS IN FRENCH

"Now," Mr. Churchill said laughingly, "pensez garde! I will try to speak to you in French. I do it on great occasions when I see a lot of friends

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A Mother Criticises Malaya Policy

REFUSES TO ACCEPT COLONIAL SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION

London, Feb. 27.—The Sunday Express published today a letter attacking the Government's policy in Malaya from a mother whose son was killed by terrorists there.

The writer, Mrs Helen Harrison, of Edinburgh, said in her letter: "If you can do something to bestir this blundering complacent Government, even at this late date to save his friends and the other gallant men out there still alive,

"Do the Colonial Office know what jungle warfare means? Do they realize the uneasy silence and gloom of the jungle terrifies men at rest and more particularly town-bred men? My son's last letters told of the worsening of conditions of the cracking-up of the older men, many of them ex-prisoners."

Mrs Harrison continued: "The Communists have everything except aircraft, and all the time to wait for a cowardly attack—Enemy No. 1 is Whitehall—that is my son and the men still sticking to their posts."

Referring to a letter from Mr Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, she said: "I do not believe what he says—everything is not being done—and I also believe we will lose Malaya. They will kill off all these brave lads."

"Our Government gives more thought and protection to a load of tinned crab."

C'S LETTER

The Sunday Express also published the letter sent by Mr Creech Jones to Mrs Harrison. "I deplore the campaign of violence which we are witnessing and trying to suppress in Malaya," the Minister said. "The struggle has been thrust upon us and must be continued until the 'thugs' responsible have been cleared out."

"As our forces have been built up, the authorities in Malaya have tried to give protection to each estate and its employees, but the danger from the jungle assassins is a continual and not an open one."

"I do hope you will believe that the Government in Malaya, with all the support that His Majesty's Government can give, are making every possible endeavour to bring security as

NOVEL TYPE OF ADVT.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—At a cost of \$10,000, a Chicago firm has introduced a new household helper to the readers of the Chicago Tribune by inserting a page of the material in the newspaper.

The advertisement, which is the most expensive single advertisement ever to be printed in a newspaper, claims that the material will pick up dirt, grease and liquids with remarkable ease.

The cost of the advertisement included the cost of 440,000 square yards of the material upon which it was printed.

Readers were advised to try it out after rinsing the sheet in warm water and soap.

After washing the cloth was colourless and free from printing ink.—Associated Press.

Protection For Public Utilities

Madras, Feb. 27.—A Government spokesman said here today that the Government has placed all public utility premises including water supply tanks, bridges, electric installations and aerodromes in the Madras province under a security foot-dial access to those places is now denied to the public.

The spokesman said the step had been taken because of the threatened South Indian railway strike led by a Communist Union and because "Communist subversive activities still continue in this province."—Associated Press.

Wrecked By Bomb

Transjordan And Israeli Armistice Talks To Begin Today

Rhodes, Feb. 27.—Armistice talks between Transjordan and Israel will open here on Monday, just five days after Israel and Egypt signed an armistice.

The Acting United Nations mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, who was largely responsible for the successful conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli talks, predicted that the now discussion might be more difficult. He said, "Some questions between Transjordan and Israel should only take a few hours to settle. Others may take quite some time." Top-ranking Israeli leaders, such as the delegation head, Walter Eytan, and Reuben Shiloah agree with Dr Bunche. The first talks lasted eight weeks.

Included in tomorrow's agenda will be the discussion of a definite military agreement covering the Jerusalem-Bethlehem area and the Arab "triangle." The triangle is the region of Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin. Recent reports said that the Arab Legion had taken it over from the Iraqi Army. It was predicted that Israel will insist on the withdrawal of the British troops from the Transjordan port of Akaba on the Red sea. The British sent reinforcements to Akaba during the Negev fighting.

SURPRISING OMISSION
United Nations circles here were surprised that the delegation does not include Colonel El Tell, Arab commander in Jerusalem. Colonel Tell and his Jewish opposite, Colonel Dayan, worked out a ceasefire agreement for the Holy City and it was felt that since they had already met and exchanged opinions, their dual presence here would facilitate negotiations.

DELEGATION DELAYED
The Transjordan delegation feels that whether Englishmen are actually with the Transjordan delegation or not Britain will direct Transjordan's course here. Israeli sources said that talks with Transjordan will give an indication of the future British policy in the Middle East. The talks will indicate the trend of King Abdullah's plans regarding a Greater Palestine—annexation of the Arab part of Transjordan and ultimately a Greater Syria.—United Press.

The Israeli delegation to the talks with Transjordan is expected to include some new faces who have not participated in talks with Egypt. It was believed that Mr Eytan may be replaced by Mr Shiloah or some other senior members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Colonel Moshe Dayan, who commands the Israeli forces in Jerusalem, is an almost certain addition to the delegation. The chief of military operations, Colonel Yigal Yadin, is likely to attend. The Transjordan delegation does not include any British advisers as Israeli sources pre-

dicted and feared. According to Amman reports, it has five military delegates and two civilian advisers. All are Arabs.

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SHIP SINKING

Rotterdam, Feb. 27.—The London steamer, William Homan (1,793 tons) today reported she was sinking three miles south-east of Heligoland. In the North Sea.

Two tugs from Cuxhaven, the German North Sea port, were reported to have gone to her aid.—Reuter.

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